



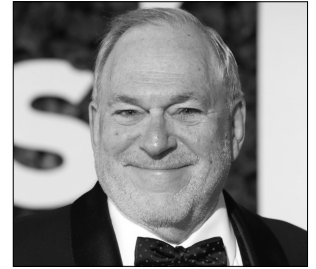
Alumnus Receives Special Tony Award

To brothers who knew **Miles Wilkin 284** during his time spent at the University of Florida, it comes as no surprise that his passion for theatre and theatre production translated into his career. Since then, Wilkin has taken the theatre community by storm.

As a six-time Tony winner, Wilkin is COO and Executive Vice President of Key Brand Entertainment and responsible for the vision and development of "Broadway Across America's" substantial touring network, which has only expanded over the years. "Broadway Across America" recognizes that not everyone can travel to experience New York's fantastic Broadway productions, thus, the company takes the productions to cities across the United States providing millions with Broadway theatre productions right in their communities.

Wilkin set the groundwork to create the market and system for touring Broadway productions. With all he has done for the theatre community, it is no surprise that Wilkin received a *Special Tony Award* this year.

This non-competitive and honorary award recognizes the achievements of individuals and organizations. Those who know Wilkin will tell you he's an excellent friend, leader and mentor, and it is an honor for Gamma Theta to call him brother.



Miles Wilkin 284 received a Special Tony Award for his innovation and contribution to American Theatre by bringing Broadway to communities across America.

Tau Kappa Epsilon Partners with Omega Phi Alpha for Dance Marathon 2016

Tau Kappa Epsilon and Omega Phi Alpha worked together to raise funds for the Children's Miracle Network during the annual University of Florida Dance Marathon. The 26.2-hour dance event, held March 19-20, 2016, is the most successful student-run philanthropy in the Southeastern United States.

Eight brothers participated as dancers during this year's event. Additionally, brothers **Henry Edmondson 944**, **Johnny McTighe 939** and **Zachary Kravetz 931** were all members of the FTKrew, with

Bruce Yang 917 serving as Operations Captain. As FTKrew, brothers worked with Dancer Relations, Operations and Hospitality team captains to assist them with their responsibilities throughout the event.

All proceeds from the event go directly to the Children's Miracle Network at UF Health Shands Children's Hospital. Gamma Theta alone raised over \$8,000. Dance Marathon 2016 at UF raised a record-breaking total of \$2,434,315. Over the past 22 years, dance marathon has donated \$12.4 million to the Children's Miracle Network.



Top Left: In February, brothers went to dinner with Gamma Theta's miracle child, Bailey, and her family. It was a great way to get to know them prior to the dance marathon.

Top Right: Brothers enjoyed partnering with Omega Phi Alpha to raise money and awareness for UF Shands Children's Hospital, which sees more than 8,500 pediatric cases each year.

Left: Dance Marathon at University of Florida raised a total of \$2,434,315, breaking previous records.



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Frater **Matthew Epstein 918**, center, received the William E. Rion University Involvement Award at the 2015 Florida Greek Awards ceremony.



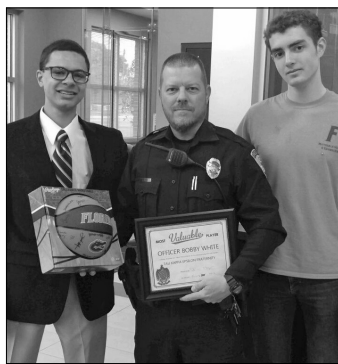
McLane Edwards 921 ceremonially tapped into Florida Blue Key, recognizing him as being one of the best and brightest leaders.

Undergraduate Brothers Recognized for Achievements

Brothers of Gamma Theta continuously receive recognition for going above and beyond their duties. During the spring semester, the chapter remained involved in campus activities and leadership positions, while maintaining a 3.2 GPA.

Over the past year, the University of Florida elected many brothers to important positions on campus. **Omarley Spence 984** and **Zachary Kravetz 931** will serve on Student Government in the fall. Kravetz received the appointment of Executive Secretary of Campus Safety and Spence received the appointment of Preview Staffer. **Jacob Faubion 950** was named a senator for the summer. **Ryan Owens 952** received the appointment to Student Conduct Committee. Additionally, both **Anthony Temeliescu 942** and Zachary Kravetz serve as Resident Assistants on campus. The election of these young men to these positions on campus is just a small glimpse of the involvement and participation Tau Kappa Epsilon has on campus. There is no doubt that Gamma Theta brothers are some of the best and brightest on the University of Florida campus.

Recently, headquarters recognized TKE Florida's hard work with three awards, excellence of achievement in extracurricular activities, alumni relations and community relations. It is an honor for the brothers to receive these accolades from headquarters and know it is due to their own diligence and dedication.



Brothers **Richard Murphy 956** and **Derek Wright 954** take a moment to thank Officer Bobby White for his contribution and commitment to the Gainesville community.

Handshakes & Applause

McLane Edwards 921 tapped into the prestigious Florida Blue Key and was named a Cicerone at the University.

Matthew Epstein 918 received the William E. Rion University Involvement Award at the Florida Greek Awards ceremony.

Anthony Temeliescu 942 received the Southern Order of Honor Scholarship from the Tau Kappa Epsilon Educational Foundation.

Save the Date: Alumni Tailgate and BBQ

Mark your calendars! Gamma Theta is hosting an alumni tailgate and BBQ on October 8, 2016, which is the weekend of the Florida vs. LSU football game. The chapter will announce the location and time closer to the date of the event.

Gamma Theta will likely secure a bar tab at The Swamp Restaurant on Friday night. If you would like additional information, please contact **Ryan Owens 952** at historian@gatortke.com or (561) 886-8918.



TEKE Talladega 2016 Brings Greek Life Together to Support St. Jude

On February 23, 2016, thirty sorority teams raced around an 800-foot twisting and turning track in the fourth annual TEKE Talladega! The event, held at Skate Station Funworks in Gainesville, is a four-hour go-cart race allowing teams to compete against each other to win the championship title. All proceeds from the event benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

"We had an excellent turnout at TEKE Talladega this year," said **Ryan Cullen 928**. "I am proud of our fraters and the Greek Community for hosting and participating in events that give back to the community."

This year, Delta Phi Epsilon joined the winner's circle as the victor of TEKE Talladega. Sigma Kappa also took home a winner's cup as the team who raised the most money.

In total, TEKE Talladega donated more than \$1,000 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, making this year's fundraiser the most successful one to date.



Delta Phi Epsilon, and their captains, **Ryan Cullen 928** (left) and **Bruce Yang 917** (right), were crowned the 2016 TEKE Talladega Champions.

Annual Red Carnation Ball 2016

Brothers enjoyed wrapping up a successful year at the annual Red Carnation Ball. The ball gives brothers a chance to dress up and attend dinner with a date of their choice, and to receive recognition for their accomplishments throughout the year.

Gamma Theta held this year's ball at Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Georgia over the weekend of April 1-3, 2016. An evening beneath the Georgia pines with lightening bugs dancing through the trees and the soft sound of crickets filling the night air was the perfect combination for an excellent evening.

Twenty-nine brothers made the five-hour trip to Callaway Gardens to attend the event. Several brothers were recognized that evening for their accomplishments throughout the year. **Stephen Boyd 915** received the Frater of the Year award, **Chris Carey 935** the Athlete of the Year award, **Zachery Stephan 922** the Recruiter of the Year award, **Patrick Allman 919** the Serviceman of the Year award and **Matthew Epstein 918** the Past Prytanis award. Last, but certainly not least, Ms. Leah Knight of Gamma Phi Beta was named Chapter Sweetheart.

The event was a great success and brothers treasured their time spent celebrating the end to an excellent year.

2015-2016 New Members

In 2015-2016, Gamma Theta welcomed 15 new initiates!

Fall 2015	Spring 2016
Anthony Temeliescu 942	Jacob Faubion 950
Brandon DellaBella 943	Daniel Lemus 951
Henry Edmondson 944	Ryan Owens 952
Dylan Iusi 945	
Daniel Perry 946	Matthew Pingel 953
Jesse Fertel 947	Derek Wright 954
Omarley Spence 948	Daniel Sawayda 955
David Yeagers 949	Richard Murphy 956

Do you know someone who would make an outstanding addition to Tau Kappa Epsilon at the University of Florida? If so, please send your recommendation to **Bruce Yang 917** at president@gatortke.com.



Gamma Theta Brothers pose for a photo with their newly named sweetheart, Leah Knight, of Gamma Phi Beta.



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- Post noteworthy accomplishments (a new baby, a recent marriage or promotion, etc.)



Gamma Theta brothers enjoyed competing in Kappa Kappa Gamma's annual Kappa Kickball Philanthropy on February 14, 2016.



Tau Kappa Epsilon brothers pose with Kappa Alpha Theta sisters during their annual Capture the Kite philanthropy tournament on April 17, 2016.

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